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Applicants: Yasuyuki TANAKA et al.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 2, 1997  
(Tuesday, following a  
Federal Holiday)

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Final Office Action dated May 30, 1997, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the following claim:

Claim 1 (Twice Amended). A modified natural rubber obtained by a modification of a deproteinized natural rubber having a nitrogen content of less than 0.10% by weight; wherein said modification is carried out by graft copolymerizing said deproteinized natural rubber with an organic compound having an